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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: The Situation Room

NSA review completed

SUBJECT: Evening Notes

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Pakistani Arms Agreement with North Korea: Islamabad has negotiated an agreement to purchase 150 truck-mounted 122-mm multiple rocket launchers and 120 130-mm field guns from Pyongyang. Delivery of the artillery is scheduled to begin in October. The contract, agreed to

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in principle during Prime Minister Bhutto's May visit to North Korea, was concluded during the late June-early August visit of a Pakistani military procurement team. The package includes ammunition, spare parts, and training aids and is Pakistan's second arms agreement with Pyongyang. Islamabad purchased \$25 million worth of ground equipment in 1972. The new materiel will enable Pakistan to replace much of the older American and British artillery pieces in the army inventory.

### The Washington Star

AP reports that Leon Jaworski says that on the day he arrived in Washington to discuss the job of Watergate prosecutor, a possible U.S. Supreme Court appointment was dangled before him by General Haig. Haig was not immediately available for comment.

Roberta Hornig reports that more than 25 years after it was first imposed, the Arab boycott against companies doing business with Israel has become a scorching, if low-key, political issue in the U.S. While far from being highly visible, the boycott is the center of a massive lobbying effort on Capitol Hill by giant corporations, Ford administration figures, and Jewish and Arab leaders.

Jeremiah O'Leary reports that informed officials credit China to a large extent for North Korea's abrupt switch from almost paranoid aggressiveness to a sort of reasonable attitude toward the U.S. in the wake of the Panmunjon murders. It is not known whether the Soviet Union also had a hand in the apparent change in the posture of the Pyongyang regime but officials believe it is probable that Peking, at Washington's urgent request, had major influence in the turn of events.

James R. Dickenson reports that Jimmy Carter did not take the American Legion convention head-on 100 percent by advocating across-the-board amnesty, but he might as well have. Carter has his faults, but stupidity is not one of them. He placed his bombshell near the end of his text. As a result he delivered it after he had, been interrupted several times by applause for his defense of patriotism, his calls for strong defense and his criticism of the shabby treatment of Vietnam war veterans. Carter presented his proposal as one with which he knew many would disagree but on which they had the right to know

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where he stood. And some Legionnaires credited him with at least having the guts to stand up and be counted on a controversial issue.

Jim Browning reports that President Giscard has thrown Paris into political turmoil in an effort to assert his personal control over the French government. In accepting the resignation of Prime Minister Chirac yesterday, and then appointing as his replacement a man known as a nonpolitical technocrat, Giscard offered what many commentators called a "declaration of war" on the Gaullist party led by Chirac.

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